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Photo by Mark Arike

Janine Papadopoulos, owner of Into the Blue Pizza, cooks a pizza using a wood-fired oven during the Abbey Gardens Celebration of Local Food. See story on page 11.

County leaders engage minister in OPP talk

By Sue Tiffin
 Staff writer

County politicians met with Yasir Naqvi by teleconference on May 20 to talk about their OPP billing concerns.

The Ottawa-centre MPP said he was willing to continue talking about the proposed OPP billing model if elected, he offered non-committal responses to their concerns about the model they have taken action against for months.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, and Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid joined the reeve of North Kawartha and several other concerned politicians in a teleconference arranged by Liberal candidate Rick Johnson. Local elected officials have lobbied against the model, which is based on households rather than actual population and would see tax rates in Haliburton County rise drastically.

"We're in that awkward spot because Yasir Naqvi is still the minister, but he might not be

on June 12," said Moffatt. "But it was still a worthwhile conversation to have."

Reid took to social media to explain why she believes the OPP billing process is flawed.

"We shared our concerns about how the proposed 'per household' billing model was put forward by a group of only five mayors (all of whom represent municipalities who stand to gain); we expressed our concern that through this entire process, no one has provided any evidence that Haliburton County is paying less than the cost of

the OPP policing services it receives and identified the shortfall based on actual costs incurred," wrote Reid on her Facebook page.

Naqvi, who acted as minister of community safety and correctional services under the Kathleen Wynne government, told elected officials that despite what they had heard from the former minister of community safety Madeleine Meilleur in February and OPP officials in April, a finalized billing model will not be announced in June.

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Illegal builds continue to affect industry: Bogach

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Howard Bogach, president and CEO of Tarion Warranty, was impressed by what he saw after touring a couple of locally-built homes in Haliburton County.

"I want to state something really clearly: if those were cottages we saw today, what do castles look like?" quipped Bogach during a special event at the Pinestone Resort on May 20 hosted by the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA).

Earlier in the day, Bogach and others received a tour of two homes built by Burtch Construction. According to Aggie

Tose, executive director of the HCHBA, the tour was intended to give him a "feel for what small custom builders build as opposed to track builders in the city [subdivisions]."

"It's really nice to see, first-hand, the success of local builders and also the vibrant communities being created throughout the province," said Bogach.

Part of the reason that Bogach is travelling to communities is to discuss matters that affect the local market and industry wide issues, such as land shortages, the Ontario College of Trades and illegal building.

Tarion is a private corporation which was established in 1976 to "protect the rights of new home buyers and regulate new home builders." The company administers the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act, which outlines the warranty protection that new home and cottage owners are entitled to in Ontario.

Bogach said his company's customer satisfaction survey has revealed that most homeowners are satisfied with the work of their builders.

"The scores are actually very high," he said, adding that this could create new challenges for builders as homeowners will continue to expect more.

Claims data reveals that more builders are resolving matters on their own, without the involvement of Tarion. In 2009, the company assessed 49,000 items through conciliation inspections. Last year the company only did 13,400.

"What that means to me is that we're all doing a better job of educating homeowners, and that more and more [of you] are doing a much better job of taking care of your customers before they ever come to us."

In 2013, enrolment in the program in Haliburton County was on par with the previous year, said Bogach. In Muskoka there was an 18 per cent increase.

Illegal building is a major concern because it "puts homeowners at risk, it steals business from legitimate builders and it costs Tarion millions of dollars in unnecessary claims," he said.

"Annually, we pay out on average about \$1 million related to unlicensed builders building homes. That's a pretty significant number."

Last year, Tarion's enforcement team completed the

implementation of an "intelligence-based software system" in an effort to crack down on illegal building. With it, they are able to identify high-risk builders, including repeat offenders and those who have had their licenses revoked or refused by Tarion. The software also alerts them to those who have obtained a building permit but didn't include a vendor builder number on the permit.

"We've seen a significant increase in the number of files that have been flagged by our enforcement team."

Illegal building is occurring in Haliburton County, as well as communities across the province, said Bogach. Since 2008, Tarion has opened 33 investigations involving 44 homes in Haliburton, which has led to 32 convictions.

"We already had one conviction in the area this year where the builder was charged with illegal building in relation to four homes. He was convicted and fined more than \$37,000."

Bogach said his team often compares illegal building to speeding on the 401: for every one illegal builder caught there's more out there.

Due to this ongoing

dilemma, Tarion is proposing to change the building permit access.

"The approach would modify the building permit issuance process as a gatekeeper mechanism for illegal building, whereby Tarion would be required to determine if an applicant is a registered builder or legitimately an owner/builder for themselves."

In an email, Tose said that the HCHBA supports Tarion and the New Home Warranties Plan Act.

"As members of [the] Ontario Home Builders Association we have members on the board of Tarion Warranty Corporation working very hard to ensure consumers' and builders' interests are represented," she said.

About 30 contractors met with Tarion representatives earlier in the day to discuss various issues. During the evening event, Nathan Petrini and Scott Doan received awards of honour from the Canadian Home Builders' Association for their ongoing commitment to the HCHBA.



Photo by Mark Arike

Nathan Petrini and Scott Doan receive awards of honour from Eric DenOuden, president of the Ontario Home Builders' Association, on behalf of the Canadian Home Builders' Association.

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Giver gets off to a good start

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

About a dozen local children and their families attended a casting call for the television show Giver in Elvin Johnson Park on May 9.

"That carried on for about an hour or so," said Mark Coleman, manager of parks, recreation and trails, during a May 15 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

Coleman said that in addition to introducing the children to the series – which features six to 12-year-olds who work together with their communities to build and improve local playgrounds – township staff met with the producers to discuss the coordination of volunteers and the upcoming filming.

He presented council with a draft of the artistic design of the playground, which was created by the playground builder for the show. The proposal includes a

tree fort design for the main unit, a tire swing, sandbox, and a "low-profile" zip line. A mural might also be part of the installation.

"We're all quite interested and quite excited," said Coleman. "It's going to be good."

"I went and the kids were pretty excited," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

The taping of the construction project begins on June 26 and finishes on June 29.

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Highlander news

Naqvi says Haliburton will be heard

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"During the call, MPP Naqvi made it clear that Haliburton County and North Kawartha will each have their concerns presented to the Ministry by way of a formal face to face meeting before any new billing model is imposed," reads a May 20 press release.

"[Naqvi] also made it clear that no final decision was imminent and that while [the Association of Municipalities of Ontario] has submitted a report, it was one of many stakeholders being consulted on this issue and that he was committed to finding a model that is fair, transparent and equitable."

Moffatt said that Naqvi is a numbers person and was interested in the data and charts presented to him by Haliburton County officials.

"He said, of course, if he's elected, he will continue to ask more questions," said Moffatt. "It's a win-win for him, because if he's not re-elected it doesn't matter. If he is re-elected, his commitment is simply to continue to talk to people. What if he's re-elected but gets shuffled somewhere else? There still remain a lot of unanswered questions about what happens on June 13."

"This is not a bill, it's a regulation. People are saying, with the election being called, the bill has been killed. But it's not a bill. A regulation can be changed simply with a minister's signature. He can technically sign it and put it through."

All four Haliburton County reeves have presented a united front on the issue and have been lobbying against the bill through communication with other affected communities, face-to-face meetings with provincial politicians, and a public call to action on May 1 that Moffatt said resulted in hundreds of emails to local MPP Laurie Scott's office.

"We're saying they're listening," said Moffatt. "It doesn't mean there's going to be a specific outcome in our favour."

"We feel collectively that we've done our darndest here."

Moffatt stressed that despite the dissolution of legislature that caused the 'mad panic' to slightly dissipate, county officials will continue to try and get answers about the position of party candidates and are asking seasonal residents to do the same in their home constituencies.

Sugar Island canvas 'productive'

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The OPP visited property owners on Sugar Island by boat on the long weekend as part of an ongoing investigation into a rash of vandalism that occurred in March. According to OPP Const. Paul Potter, the recent canvassing effort was a success.

"It was very productive, we reached a lot of people," said Potter. "A lot of people had some knowledge of it, but they weren't aware of where we were in the investigation."

On May 18, Potter travelled by boat to properties on the island with Det. Const. Krista Potter, who is the lead investigator in the criminal case. The pair spoke to about 50 people.

"It worked out really well, actually," he said.

Sometime before March 18, seven seasonal residences on the island were broken into and vandalized. One cottage, which belonged to the Douglas family, was burned to the ground.

Several items were also stolen from the cottages that were broken into.

Blood samples were recovered from the scene, but the results of those DNA tests have yet to be released to police.

Potter said police obtained some information but they're hoping to get more.

"We're still actively working on it, and hopefully as a result of this, we get some information ..." he said.

"When information comes in, we can process it and apply it towards the case and see where the evidence will lead us."

He thanked the local media and noted that many property owners on the island were aware of the canvassing effort because of what they read in the paper.

Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to call the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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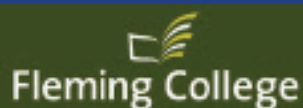
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Editorial opinion

Going to market

I must have looked like I was off in fairy land.

Standing in the middle of Head Lake Park, surrounded by the sights, sounds and smells of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market, I was doing nothing but enjoying the moment.

Really, I was there on assignment. Although I had work to do, I took a few moments to just enjoy myself at the market.

Down one row, I could smell delicious meats – pepperoni and sausage – spicy Italian delicacies. Coming from the other direction, my nostrils flared with the scent of freshly baked breads – a loaf of which I brought home for dinner.

There were plants and gift items, ready to eat foods and ingredients I couldn't wait to get home and throw into a pot – or Ashley to throw into a pot. I can cook, but she's the chef.

But there was more to the market than just the goods for sale.

People were greeting one another, chatting and catching up.

"Did you hear about so-and-so?"

"Have you tried this cheese?"

"Good to see you made it through that dreadful winter."

All the conversations played out above the noise of deals being made, money changing hands, and people interacting.

And through it all, a wonderful group of musicians played Celtic music, adding to the atmosphere.

So I stood and took it all in. I didn't move, didn't talk too much, and definitely didn't work for those first few minutes after the opening bell rang. It was Haliburton come to life, and I loved every minute of it.

The market seems to bring out

everybody's social side. I don't think I walked past a single person without nodding my head and saying hello, nor did they walk past me. What should have been a 10 minute assignment turned into more than half an hour by the time I got through shaking hands and greeting people.

I talked to the vendors, who are always happy to see me (and all their customers, by the looks of it). We spoke about their goods and how they make them or why. They laughed, I laughed, and then I moved on to the next.

I enjoyed myself so much, I could have stayed there all day. Of course I didn't. Instead I met with my colleagues – who had also just come from the market and bought our lunch there – and we enjoyed delicious East Indian cuisine.

I've spent the rest of the week trying to put my finger on exactly what it was about the market that left such a profound impact. I've been going on about the market for the last two days, almost non-stop.

What I've come up with is that the market is a snapshot of what every community should be. It was exciting, busy, friendly and vibrant. The park was alive with people and activity, with trade that benefits the community as a whole as well as its parts, good food, good people, and good music.

It was all the things that makes Haliburton great, rolled into one. I'm so glad the market's back.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Minden's night life

My dad and I headed out the back door tonight, where the clean air still feels foreign to me. The air in a backyard in Minden has the same spring feeling that can be felt in Korea, albeit months later, but the freshness is immediately striking.

In Korea, we were sandal and shorts-clad earlier than in Haliburton County, but with the coming of spring we faced occasional alerts of 'yellow dust' – toxin-filled fine powder that blew to the peninsula from the deserts in Mongolia.

Yellow dust alerts were reported on the news, and there were days when we had indoor recess with our students because of the dangerous air. The dust covered the ground, cars and laundry machines, if you mistakenly left your window open. It could also quickly coat one's lungs. Add to this the air trauma caused by a huge population as obsessed with cars as our own, and you can understand why facemasks were sold at convenience stores.

The longer we're in Minden, the more we become accustomed to this difference in air quality. But we never stop remembering that we used to miss it.

For some this past long weekend, the weather was a sunny reprieve after months of a winter we all treated as if it was the worst one we've ever experienced, as is the Canadian way. For Justin and I, the weather was sunny without causing asthma attacks and instantaneous sweat outbursts. It was what Korea was like during the Beijing Olympics – one of the few chances we had to see blue skies for days on end after the government curbed air pollution there. That was the year some of my students saw a rainbow for the first time.

Tonight, we're not outside to breathe fresh air, although that's a nice added benefit to our adventure. And then I glance up, an action I'm trying to do more after nearly a decade of not bothering to do so, and the stars catch my attention. My dad makes an offhand remark about how the stars aren't particularly wonderful tonight, but even his mention of stars, plural, is enough to make me remember that for eight years we lived in a relatively starless world. The aforementioned smog, coupled with intense light pollution, caused Korea's nighttime sky

to very rarely show us more than one star a night. Besides a campout in the open air next to Australia's Uluru one night, nothing was more breathtaking or caused us to appreciate the night sky more than returning to Minden and facing dizziness at the sensation of so many stars – a blanket of stars, no less.

Somehow, I tear my eyes away from the sky – though the image is already etched on my mind and will stay there for days – and just listen. This is why we're outside. I don't know why, because the nighttime sounds are just as clear when we're inside, really. But instead of checking email or watching TV or making dinner, we just listen. And it's surreal – it's sublime.

The night is so peaceful despite the sounds suggesting that it's so active. I can't hear traffic or celebrations from nearby restaurants, or late night piano practicing by neighbours that are out there somewhere.

I can't hear anything other than nature. I can't even identify separate sounds. I just hear a blended hum of life.

Minden downtown is a 10-minute drive away, and there's not much noise there to drown out, but one night I was walking down the street at dusk and instead of the sounds of people, I just heard the sounds of the outdoor world. Fascinating.

There's plenty that frustrates us about being back in Canada, about living in a small town again after the conveniences and vibrancy of city life. But when those factors become irritating, we take a moment to get outside and appreciate what not everyone can.

Then quickly we get attacked by mosquitoes and head back indoors.

But for at least one brief moment, we understand why our community can become overwhelmed with tourists in the summer months, and we try not to complain about the hustle and bustle of tourist season. Everyone needs the chance to experience these wonders of nature.

If time away from home doesn't make you appreciate what you've got, time outside of your home will.



By Sue Tiffin

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Letters to the editor

Twitter not as useless as Outsider suggests

Dear editor,

In basing his argument on the sweeping generalization that Twitter is by its very nature an ineffective communication tool (see Twitter, tweeting and birdsong, The Highlander issue 134, pg. 5), what Will Jones actually proves is that several hundred words can miss the point. Had Jones taken the time to investigate Twitter, he might have learned that it has it uses. It did, for example, play a significant role in the Arab Spring and, more recently, in focusing global attention on the kidnapping of several hundred Nigerian girls. He may have discovered that it’s used to good effect by police forces to share information and locate missing persons, and by municipalities and community organizations — @

VisitHaliburton being an excellent example. Further, by insisting that length equals quality, Jones confuses linguistic verbosity with literary virtuosity. Brevity is not only the soul of wit, but it can have great beauty. He has, perhaps, heard of Haiku? Or Hemingway? And would he not concede that any editor worth his or her salt would take a red pencil to “triumphant culinary adventure involving ingredients of the piscatorial genre” and demand more concise, less bloated phrasing? The harsher among them might have even ordered a rewrite with a little less wordiness and a little more critical thinking.

Sincerely,
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Photo of the week



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Itchy and Scratchy got nothing on this

What I want to know is, who was the mongrel that put about the rumour that our super cold, super snowy, super long winter would ensure that we didn’t have as many bugs this year? Come on, own up you no-good-low-down-giver-of-false-hopes-smasher-of-dreams, you! It took about a day for me to realize that this insubstantial prophecy was a no hoper. One day the black flies were nowhere to be seen, the next they came in their millions. As I worked outside, I did my best to put a dent in their numbers. I drowned them in the tears running from my eyes as they repeatedly crashed into my eyeballs. I suffocated them by accidentally inhaling them up my nose, and I crushed countless little black critters between my teeth, so thick was their swarm. Now, I don’t normally mind black flies. They buzz around and make a nuisance of themselves, but they do it relatively slowly and they take their time to bite, not like my arch nemesis the mosquito. And black flies get scared when you lock them indoors, or in a car. They panic and search for a way to get out, rather than hunkering down and

waiting till dark before searching you out, as the mosquito would. But black flies in the numbers that showed up last week? Come on. I’m sure there are countless theories being bandied about as to why they are so thick this year. And the bandiers (if that is a word at all), the folks spreading these ‘theories’, otherwise known as complete cock and bull, will most likely be the very same ones that three months ago were predicting a bug-free summer this year. “I blame the amount of snow... Killed the dragon flies, nothing to eat the bugs now, blah blah blah.” “It’s all because of the cool weather. Bugs love the cold, they burrow into snow banks and party, blah blah.” For all I know, the reason that the black flies are so bad this year could be the fact that President Putin is pushing to take over Ukraine; or because Justin Bieber has been a bad little boy and upset the cosmic balance that is nature. I even have a friend who manages to connect most happenings, be they natural or man-made, into solar flares from the sun. Has

there been one lately? One that kickstarted a frantic orgy of black fly breeding? Basically, I don’t know. No one knows why the bugs are bad, but they are horrific this year. And you know what, they’re bigger, too. I’ve seen numerous posts on Facebook and been witness to at least a couple of conversations where the size of the black flies has come up. Even my lovely wife, who is normally very conservative with her outlandish statements, and always right to boot, pronounced just the other day that the black flies are the biggest she’s ever seen. So, the bigger the bug, the bigger the bite? Have you ever seen a black fly bite up close? If not, I beg you DO NOT go online and Google it! The image is horrific. It resembles the kind of injury I imagine a saber toothed tiger might inflict, in miniature. So, the bigger the bug... OWWW! Now, there may be some of you that are smirking and thinking, “listen to him, the whining English bloke who can’t stand a bit of good old Canadian hospitality of the insect variety.” That may well be the case, but I have been around for a few years now and I’m

reporting what I’m hearing from my local friends, my Canadian friends. Granted, they continue to stand outside and ‘enjoy’ the warm weather no matter how many billions of the tiny critters hurl themselves hungrily at them. The swatting and swishing is somewhat distracting when you’re trying to hold a conversation, but we struggle through, trying to pretend that all is well and good, that there aren’t legions of bloodthirsty bugs trying to eat us. And then it happens. Someone swallows a black fly while taking a swig of beer. The hacking and choking really kills the buzz – meaning it frightens away the bugs for a moment – but then everything resumes as normal. Swishing, swatting and swigging, hoping not to be the next recipient of a bug in the beer. The bugs are here. The bugs are bigger. The bugs are more plentiful. But none of this bugs me as much as the mongrel who promised me that there would be less of them this year.



By Will Jones

TheOutsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *Why do you shop at the Haliburton County Farmers' Market?*



Annette Schumacher

Dorset

Today is my first visit. I was enjoying the Rail Trail with the folks from Baysville and Dorset with Pamela Marsales, our Rail Trail lady. She introduced us to the market for opening day.

Diane Molenaar

Eagle Lake

Actually this is my first time at the market. So far it is great. We were just driving by and we saw it. We will be back.



Gailon Valleau

Donald

Well you can buy all sorts of products that are grown locally. You can talk to the farmers and the vendors and get product info and have lunch, too.



Jane Heyes

Haliburton

I hate to admit it but this is my first time here and it will not be my last. I bought honey today and just trying to take this all in. There is more here than I expected.



Shane Leach

Eagle Lake

Because everything is locally grown and made and this is where we should buy our food. We should always support the locals and our local economy.



Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Long weekend keeps cops busy

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Officers of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment are catching their breaths after a busy May long weekend.

The officers responded to approximately 68 calls for service, according to a press release. The calls ranged from noise complaints to domestic occurrences and disputes. Officers were also busy on the roads, laying several charges for impaired driving and excessive speed.

On May 17 at 8:10 a.m., officers pulled over a 2013 Ford pickup truck for erratic driving along Highway 35 near Miners Bay. Brandon Smith, 37 of Whitby, had allegedly been drinking. He was charged with driving with over 80 milligrams of alcohol, had his driver's licence suspended for 90 days and his vehicle was impounded for seven days.

Later that day at 3:10 p.m., officers charged Dongkeon Yoon, 33 of Vaughan, after he was observed driving his 2014 Hyundai Genesis on Highway 118 near One Mile Drive at 160 kilometres per hour in an 80 km/h zone. He was charged with stunt driving/racing a motor vehicle, driving with expired validation, had his licence suspended for seven days and his car impounded for seven days.

At 4:10 p.m., officers stopped a 2000 Ford Ranger on Highway 35 south of

Miners Bay. The driver was allegedly travelling at 131 km/h in a posted 80 km/h zone. Andrew De Sousa, 21 from Toronto, was charged with stunt driving/racing a motor vehicle, failing to produce a licence, and had his licence suspended for seven days and vehicle impounded for seven days.

That night at 7:40 p.m., Chase Collins, 19 from Richmond Hill, was observed driving his 2005 Cadillac CTS on Highway 35 near Starlight Road at 144 km/h in an 80 km/h zone. He was charged with stunt driving/racing a motor vehicle, had his licence suspended for seven days and the vehicle impounded for seven days.

Amanda Douglass, 28 from Haliburton, was stopped at 8:30 p.m. in a 2014 Hyundai Tucson on Boundary Road. The officer determined she had been drinking and charged her with driving with over 80 milligrams of alcohol, and possession of marijuana. Her licence was suspended for 90 days and her vehicle impounded for seven days.

An ATV accident on May 18 on Journey's End Trail in Highlands East resulted in a 12-year-old boy being transported to the hospital with minor injuries. The boy was operating a 75cc ATV when the front wheel assembly malfunctioned and put the ATV into the ditch.

Some questions answered after septic inspection Q&A

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton County's chief building officials (CBOs) are a bit more comfortable with taking over septic inspections from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit at the end of June, thanks to an information session held last week.

On May 16, Chris Beveridge, director of environmental health at the HKPR Health Unit, attended a meeting at the Haliburton County office in Minden with municipal leaders, building officials and builders to clarify some of the issues around the Plan 8 septic inspection transfer. Part of the confusion came in the form of a letter that was sent to property owners with outstanding septic permits, saying those would be cancelled and the fees not refunded.

Beveridge said the people receiving those letters were undertaking projects and had yet to start construction.

"Permits do have a lifespan, even at the health unit," he said.

Generally permit applications are reviewed every two years, but he said some went back as far as 1998.

"If people have started construction, they shouldn't be receiving those letters," Beveridge said.

The intent was for people receiving the letters to contact the health unit to determine whether or not their permits were still valid. However, Algonquin Highlands CBO Mitch O'Grady said his office had been receiving calls from the property owners, who had actually been redirected by the health unit.

Beveridge said that should not be happening. Also, he said despite how the letter reads, the health unit would discuss refund options with the property owners.

"We are issuing refunds," he said. "Then people can start fresh again."

Approximately 100 of the letters were sent out through Haliburton County. Of those, Beveridge expects 50 per cent of the permits will be revoked, while others are being extended or refunded.

The CBOs were also concerned about the

number of outstanding files they're waiting to receive. There are approximately 50,000 files from 1974 to present that need to be digitized and sent to the municipalities. These are primarily historical files that contain applications, permits, and installation and final inspection reports.

Beveridge said the delay in sending the files is due to the time and effort it takes to scan the files, however he is prepared to send through the files from 1974-88.

Because of the confusion surrounding the transition, builders are holding back on submitting septic permits and paying the \$875 fee. While the municipalities are able to accept the permit applications on their end, Beveridge said the health unit is still accepting applications as well and will transfer the money to the county.

"Some of the confusion was that people thought they would have to pay twice," he said. "We will be transferring what people have paid."

The active septic inspection files will be provided to the CBOs prior to the July 1 deadline, however the historical files may be later than that. If the CBOs require that historical information, Beveridge said the health unit would work with them to find the information.

If ever the municipalities require the health unit to go back into its hard copy files – which it will keep in its archives – Beveridge said the health unit will be willing to help and that swapping information between agencies will be gratis, forever.

He also committed to establish a frequently asked question section on the health unit's website to post answers to the most common questions about the septic inspection transition, although no timeframe was provided.

The HKPR District Health Unit will complete septic inspections until June 30. Municipalities will take over the inspections on July 1. The municipal CBOs did commend Beveridge and his team for helping them by allowing job shadowing on site, to get the municipal departments ready to take over inspections.

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Meetings and Events

May 29

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council
Minden Council Chambers
(public session 10:00 am)

7:00 pm, Irondale Advisory Committee meeting
Irondale Community Centre

June 2

6:30 pm, Youth Softball League Game Opener,
Minden Fairgrounds

June 12

9:00 am, CoTW meeting, Minden Council
Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

Employment Opportunity

The Minden Hills Community Services Department is currently accepting resumes for three (3) summer student positions for the 2014 season, funded through the 2014 Rural Summer Jobs Service

Students must be between the ages of 16-30 and returning to school in the fall. Preference will be given to those with experience lawn care, gardening painting, cleaning, or related combination. Interested parties are invited to submit their resume in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Summer Position – Community Services Department" no later than

Thursday, May 29, 2014 by 12:00 noon to:

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Position descriptions are available at the Administration office, 2nd floor or can be obtained by emailing sprentice@mindenhill.ca

We thank all applicants who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Waiting for the Winter Thaw

May 20 to July 5, 2014

Opening reception May 22 at 6:30pm

(NOTE: CHANGE OF TIME AND DATE)

Artist: Peter Graham

For the months of May, June and until July 5, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery

reflects, collects and discusses the past experience of floods.

Still fresh in most minds is the experience of anxious moments, frustration and incredible community spirit from the flood of April 2013.

The exhibition "Waiting for the Winter Thaw" starts this theme with work from artist Peter Graham. A resident of Winnipeg, Graham uses humour in his work to explore some of the myths/truths of Canada.

PRESENTATIONS

History of the Floods in Minden
Common Room

Thursday May 22 at 6:30pm

From the Minden Hills Museum, learn the ongoing history of Minden and its love/hate relationship with the Gull River. A number of historical photos and anecdotes from the museum archives will be part of this presentation by museum curator Darren Levstek.

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WORKSHOPS

Painting Time with Harvey Walker!

May 2014

Join the 2011 Members' Show winner, Harvey Walker, for a weekly painting class at the Cultural Centre. The session runs for a month and the cost is only \$20. Bring your paints, canvases and ideas and let Harvey help you explore your painting potential.

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Peter Graham will be available to speak about his work at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Saturday, May 24th at 1:00pm.

For information on any exhibit or workshop or to register, please call 705-286-3763.
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Public Notice

As of May 30, 2014, the Administrative Office for the Community Services Department (currently located at Scout Hall in the Minden Community Centre) and the office of the Director of Community Services, will be relocated to the first floor of the Municipal Offices for the Township of Minden Hills.

All activities currently conducted at the Scout Hall location will now be conducted through the Municipal Office location.

After May 29, 2014, the Administrative Assistant for the Community Services Department can be reached at (705) 286-1260 x205.

The Director of Community Services can be reached at 705-286-1260 ext 213

Did You Know – 2014 E-lection

The Township will not be mailing ballots this year?

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Highlander arts

Ladies make a colourful splash

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Tie-dye patterns were popular in the 1960s and 70s, but it's not that common to see them in this day and age.

However, if a local group of women get their way, these vibrant colours and groovy designs will find their way back into the mainstream – at least in the Haliburton Highlands.

On May 15, a few ladies gathered at The Art Hive in Carnarvon to learn tie-dyeing techniques under the direction of Charlene McConnell. The workshop was part of Crafty Girls, which is held on the third Thursday of every month.

As the name implies, the event is only open to women.

The recent special dye night was held in preparation of Dyenomite, an event that will be held at The Art Hive on June 28. Members of the public are encouraged to bring something cotton to dye for a cost of \$5. Blank bandanas will be provided to those who don't have a piece of material to use.

At that same event The Art Hive will mark its 8th anniversary. The celebration will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony at their new workshop space.

For more information about Crafty Girls calls 705-754-0021.



Photos by Mark Arike

Far left: Charlie Mankin, right, shows Amy Brohm her piece of fabric before its tie-dye transformation.

Top: Art Hive member Sandi Luck finishes dyeing a bandana. Left: Local artist Charlene McConnell provides a tie-dye demonstration during a recent Crafty Girls workshop at The Art Hive.

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What's Up



By George Farrell

Notes on our springtime heritage

Spring is definitely here at last and my significant other has some much deserved time off. We've organized a span of about 10 days in which to take full advantage of the season. We've been planning some day trips and the first one was a recent drive to the Barrie area for some fresh asparagus. For supper that evening we consumed the fresh veggies, steamed, on toast, with a cheese and garlic sauce; a delicious, healthy meal.

We're also planning on walks and a visit to the Haliburton County Farmers' Market which is now open on Tuesdays in the village. While figuring out what else we might do, I got to thinking about the sequence of natural events in springtime and some random thoughts on what makes this time of year so special in our part of the world.

It all starts with the maple trees and the voluptuously viscous maple syrup that, on occasion, I drink straight from the container. After the syrup season starts to wane (which coincides with moose sightings along the highway in Algonquin Park), it's time for the opera of the amphibians. Spring peeper, chorus, green, leopard, and gray tree frogs, as well as toads, unite in their wetlands symphony. It's music to my ears, and in our local bog the choral harmony is underscored by the

resonating booms of an American Bittern.

In clearings and along watery edges, pussy willows burst into fuzzy bloom and velvety mourning cloak butterflies drift in and out of dappled sunlight on temperate breezes. Male turkeys, resplendent in iridescent mating garb and oblivious to all dangers, spread their brilliant plumage, sometimes in the middle of main roads. Meanwhile, in certain farmer's fields, sandhill cranes, with their red crowns, have returned from their southern retreats and thrill those people lucky enough to see them jumping and whooping in mating mode.

Snowshoe hares, all shades of whites and pale greys, while in transition from winter to summer garb, scamper about the undergrowth like kittens at play, while the songbirds return with the budding of the leaves and the emergence of the black flies to grace us with serenades. The hummingbirds are not far behind. In our neck of the woods, the hummers return by the second week in May and announce their presence by doing a pendulum dance outside our windows where, for generations, they have been receiving their sugared water.

About two weeks after the last snow disappears from the forest floor the wild leeks start to appear and come to their

peak right about now. Wild leeks are delicious but we only harvest a few to ensure regeneration. We like them best pickled and eaten throughout the year as you would eat a pickled onion, but they're really good raw, and in potato soup as well.

Turtles are presently laying their eggs in sandy soils with good drainage. Unfortunately they like the sides of our roads where the shoulders offer ideal egg-laying conditions. Keep an eye out for snappers, blandings and painted turtles, the ones most common in our area. If you need to move a snapper from the road you can gently coax it with your foot, use a shovel if you have one, or lift its tail with one hand while sliding your other hand under its carapace, between its back legs. You can then lift it. In this way the snapper is immobilized and does not have your arm or a finger to latch on to. Yes, you have to be brave to do it, but it works.

Many smaller varieties of turtle tend to evacuate their water when you pick them up, so it's best to carry them to one side in order to avoid a mess on your pants that people might mistake for your own. Saying that 'a turtle just peed on me,' only makes things worse.

In this part of the world rains are often heaviest in May. The showers bring forth

wildflowers, most notably trilliums in the woods. At the same time the daffodils and whatnots in our gardens are

accompanied by the invasive dandelions in our lawns, which to some are not so dandy.

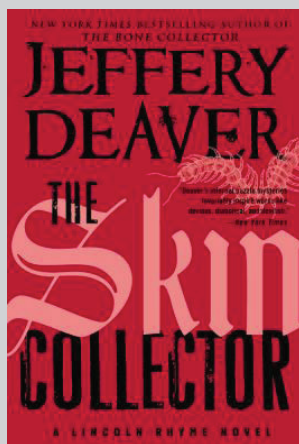
I wait until the dandelions are tall enough and just lop them off with the first grass cutting of the season. Before that, of course, there is the dreaded ritual of getting the mower and trimmer ready, when half a day goes by in black fly-infested muggy weather while you try to get the gizmos going after a winter of inactivity.

There's something else that pops up every year at about the same time as the weeds. It's the tourists. They'll be coming up in droves every long weekend, some to stay the duration of the summer.

Personally I'm happy to see tourists because they contribute so much to our economy, and our culture too. But while many of them are busy opening the cottage, we're enjoying the natural wonders that are part of our springtime heritage. Enjoy this rejuvenating season while it lasts; summer will be here soon enough.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL'S TOP FICTION

1. *The Skin Collector: a Lincoln Rhyme novel* by Jeffery Deaver
2. *The Kill Switch* by James Rollins and Grant Blackwood
3. *Wild Storm* by Richard Castle

HCPL'S TOP NON-FICTION

1. *The Shelf: from LEQ to LES: adventures in extreme reading* by Phyllis Rose
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3. *Jason Priestley: a memoir* by Jason Priestley

HCPL'S TOP JUNIOR TITLES

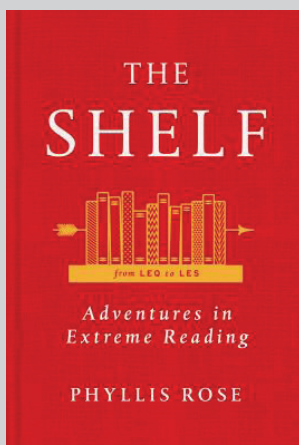
1. *The Story of Owen: dragon slayer of Trondheim* by E.K. Johnston (JF)
2. *Of Course They Do!: boys and girls can do anything by* Marie-Sabine Roger and Anne Sol (JNF)

AUDIO AND VIDEO AT HCPL

1. *Her* (DVD)
2. *Purgatory* by Ken Bruen (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

The Haliburton County Seed Library will be holding a workshop at the Dysart branch on May 28 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Learn about Planting Your Garden with Seed Saving in Mind.



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Michael Schiedel-Webb, co-owner of Haliburton Highlands Brewing, provides a tour of his microbrewery's production facility, is located on the grounds of Abbey Gardens.



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The Moontones perform under the tent at Abbey Gardens.

Spring has sprung at Abbey Gardens

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With the help of the sun and dozens of visitors, Abbey Gardens hosted a spring launch event titled "Celebration of Local Food."

"We're delighted to have you here with us for this special opening," John Patterson, founder of Abbey Gardens, told those in attendance.

The festivities included the opening of the Food Hub, tours of the gardens, live music from local performers, and

on-site garden tool sharpening services. A few local vendors also offered visitors educational information and a variety of items to snack on.

Haliburton Highlands Brewing, a local microbrewery that has formed a partnership with Abbey Gardens, also hosted its grand opening at the event. Visitors were able to choose from four of their selections and go for a tour of the production facility, which is located near the back of the property.

"We're very, very pleased and proud of that effort," said Patterson.



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Laurel MacDowell's one-of-a-kind shop, Fibres, keeps her busy through the summer.

Fibres keeps soon-to-be retiree going

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Laurel MacDowell might be nearing retirement, but she's in no way ready to slow down.

The University of Toronto (U of T) history professor is transitioning into her retirement by becoming a shop owner in the Highlands, for at least part of the year. Her one-of-a-kind goods store, Fibres, celebrated the opening of its second year in Carnarvon last weekend.

MacDowell said she has the opportunity to retire after 40 years at U of T later this year, but when the opportunity arose for her to open a shop at the previous location of the Slanted Shack, she couldn't resist.

"I thought, if I don't do it now, I'll never know what might have happened."

So the Toronto and Carnarvon resident turned her interest in unique artisan goods into a business. She broke even in her first year, a feat she was proud of after her accountant had said that if she broke even, the shop could be considered a good idea.

"This is like my own little department

store because I have a mix of stuff and it works for a lot of people for different reasons," said MacDowell.

The shop, located at 1093 East Road in Carnarvon, is filled with handmade or antique items that MacDowell has commissioned from artists and suppliers she finds at the One-of-a-Kind show in Toronto, as well as local artists like Ian Thompson.

"His work – bedside tables and beautiful benches – just started selling like hotcakes," she said. "I'm delighted, and I think he's pleased. There are a lot of talented people up here."

MacDowell's shop has even turned customers into sellers, with at least one local knitter now selling her knit baby clothes at the shop after visiting the store one day.

Though a bit of a departure from history teaching, operating Fibres keeps MacDowell engaged in the community. She said she appreciates all the people she has met and the stories she gets to hear, and that she can't imagine not keeping busy.

"If you've always worked in your adult life it just becomes a habit, and then you think, 'what am I going to do?'"

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Doctors donate \$10,000 to hospital campaign

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

On May 15, local doctors gave back to their community by making a \$10,000 contribution to the Making Moments Matter campaign.

"We truly appreciate and thank the doctors of the Haliburton Family Medical Centre for their generous support of the Making Moments Matter campaign," said Don Popple, Haliburton Highlands Health

Services Foundation board member and campaign co-chair.

The donation was made in the board room at the Haliburton hospital.

The funds will help support the construction of the new Haliburton Highlands Palliative Care Centre, which is scheduled to break ground later this summer. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$900,000.

A recognition and launch event will be held on May 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haliburton hospital.



Photo by Mark Arike

Left to right: Dr. Steve Ferracuti, Dr. Greg Karaguesian, Dr. Mike Armstrong, Dr. Bob Heyes, Dr. Scott Coles, Dr. Aoife Conway, campaign co-chair Don Popple, HHSF executive director Dale Walker, Dr. Norm Bottum and Dr. Doug Beattie.



Photo by Mark Arike

Head Lake's new bandshell will soon host music in the park.

Band shell almost ready for performers

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Only a few final touches are left to be completed on the new and improved band shell in Head Lake Park.

"Electrical/lighting is still outstanding as well as fabric drops for the two back openings," said project leader George Kadoke in an email.

Construction on the band shell began shortly after Labour Day.

The project is a joint effort between

the Rotary Club of Haliburton and the Municipality of Dysart et al. Last August, the makeover received \$25,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and \$10,000 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

A grand opening party will be held on June 22 and will feature live entertainment from Carl Dixon and Ragged Company, a barbecue and speeches.

The Rotary Music in the Park concert series starts on July 8 and runs for six weeks every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation.

By Matthew Desrosiers

Canoe up for grabs in radio station draw

It's fundraising time at Canoe FM, and once again the radio station is looking to give away a canoe to one lucky winner. The 11th annual Canoe FM golf draw is underway. Prizes include 42 foursome green fees, with carts, to 14 different golf courses worth \$12,400. The grand prize, a Langford canoe, along with two cherry solid paddles, is valued at \$4,900. Only 1,000 tickets are up for sale at \$20 each, and are available at Canoe FM, Cranberry Cottage, The Dominion Hotel, Minden Pharmasave, or by Visa and Mastercard at 705-457-1009. The early bird draw on June 29 will award 14 prizes, with the final draw happening on Aug. 3. Funds raised will support Canoe FM. Pictured below, Ron Murphy (left), studio engineer; Malcolm MacLean, station president; and Dave Allen, sales; are excited to give away the Langford canoe valued at \$4,900 for this year's fundraiser golf draw on Aug. 3.



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Highlander life

Awareness first step in fight against Lyme

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Mary Ellen Selig has Lyme disease.

In May 2009, Selig was in her backyard at her cottage in Gooderham when she was bit by a blacklegged tick.

She developed a rash beneath her left arm and the back of her left leg, but she thought nothing of it. When the rash didn't go away, she paid a visit to her family doctor in the city.

"At that point, I thought it looked similar to ring worm," Selig said.

Her doctor prescribed a cortisone cream, but that only made it worse. The rash became raw.

"It just wouldn't go away."

Selig went to the clinic in Haliburton, where she was prescribed an antibiotic over 10 days.

"It started healing, and it did heal up," she said. "The circular rash went away and I didn't think anything of it."

A year later, in 2010, Selig started getting new symptoms. The top of her left foot went numb and tingly.

"It was like my nerves were on fire."

The doctors thought it might have been a pinched nerve, but test after test returned no results. Three months later, the numbing moved into her right knee. She saw a neurologist who put her through a gamut of tests, including blood work and an MRI.

"Everything came back negative," she said. "In the meantime, it moved into my left hand."

As time went on, the pain got worse.

"I could barely get out of bed in the morning. My legs would not work. I couldn't figure out what was going on with me."

The neurologist thought it was a slow-moving MS, but tests continued to come back negative for the disease. Two infectious disease doctors and a second neurologist couldn't determine what was wrong, either.

"I was very frustrated because I had no idea, and every time I went to the doctors they kept saying 'no, there's nothing wrong. Come back when it gets worse.'"

But even though it kept getting worse, there were still no answers.

"I couldn't take my shirts off over my head," Selig said. "My husband was having to brush my hair. I lost control of everything."

Finally, Selig's father took matters into his own hands. He researched her symptoms online and came to the conclusion that his daughter had contracted Lyme disease. He convinced her neurologist to prescribe antibiotics, which actually stopped her symptoms from spreading. The neurologist would only prescribe a month's worth of the drugs, however Selig's family doctor kept her on the medication for six months.

Then, two years after being bit, Selig underwent a test specifically designed to detect Lyme disease, and it was positive.

Once the disease has been in your body, untreated, for that long, it takes a significant dose of antibiotics to kill it. Because of the toll antibiotics take on the body, Selig said it was impossible to find a doctor in Canada who would treat her. She eventually found a doctor in New York who agreed to help.

It wasn't until February 2013 that Selig began receiving aggressive treatment for Lyme disease.

"[Living with Lyme disease] is not fun, that's for sure," she said. "It's been a really tough go. Mentally it's very hard. The hardest thing is not being able to do things I was able to do before. Even driving a vehicle. Lyme gets into your brain. You get out and get disoriented and very overwhelmed... I was never like that before."

Selig takes 48 pills per day.

Some are antibiotics, while others she takes to keep her body strong enough to fight the disease. The medications

cost her \$1,500 per month. She does regular blood tests every two weeks, and travels to New York to visit her doctor every three months.

But it's all paying off.

"I do have to say I am probably 60 per cent better than I was a year and a half ago," Selig said. "I know that there is an end."

Linda McCarey, director of communicable disease control for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit, said the disease is not common in this area, but it does exist.

"In 2013, the health unit received reports of two lab-confirmed cases of Lyme disease through its area," she wrote in an email. "The five-year average for Lyme disease in the health unit area is less than one case per year."

However, McCarey said the number of blacklegged ticks that can be infected in Ontario is increasing, which means the spread of Lyme disease is increasing.

"There is a greater risk that people will be exposed to the ticks and then become infected," she said. "It is important that people know about Lyme disease and can then take precautions to prevent tick bites and therefore prevent infection."

People are most likely to pick up ticks while out on the trails or in the bush, she said. Ticks are more likely to transmit the disease if

they've been on a person for more than 24 hours, feeding.

"That makes it important for people to check carefully for ticks on their bodies, especially if they spend time in outdoor activities."

McCarey said if you find a tick on your body, you should remove it promptly and carefully to prevent infection. Avoid squeezing the tick, putting anything on it, or trying to burn it off.

"Instead, with the use of fine-tipped tweezers, carefully grasp the tick by the head as close to your skin as possible. Pull it straight out, gently but firmly, then thoroughly clean the bite area."

Selig wishes she had been more informed back in 2009.

"I had no idea what Lyme disease was," she said. "That's the worst thing in the world. If I had of known..."

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Highlander life



Photo by Mark Arike

Robin Fletcher and support worker Patty Acorn roll up sod while Community Living board member Rick West gets his hands on a shovel.

Community Living builds community garden

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Good things are about to start growing at Community Living.

That's because on May 17, the organization's staff, volunteers and clients teamed up to start their own community garden.

"We're trying to form partnerships with other community agencies," said support worker Donna West, who took the lead on

the project.

Last summer, West took four clients to Abbey Gardens every Wednesday to learn about gardening and gain hands-on experience.

Those who came out on Saturday got their hands dirty to develop several eight by four-foot plots at the site of Community Living (the former location of the Victoria Street School).

"Their goal was 10 plots for this year, or more if we need to," said West.

As time goes on, the clients will also participate in harvesting the plants and preparing the plots for the winter. A variety of herbs and vegetables will be grown in the garden.

"It's a really good learning experience for everyone. This is the first year, and hopefully it will keep growing and the community will get more involved," she said.

Each person who has started a plot will be matched up with a garden buddy – "someone that really knows what they're doing." The

Garden Buddies program is an initiative of SIRCH with partners Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Community Living board member Rick West said that another goal of the project is to help draw attention to the organization and the good work it's doing.

"We're trying to partner with everybody we can to have this place a place where everybody can come and be a community hub of stuff going on," said West.

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Highlander sports



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Mikayla Stinson, left, charges after the ball during a May 16 game against LCVI.

Photo by Mark Arike

Junior Hawks display team effort against LCVI

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School junior girls' soccer team fought

hard against their opponents on Gary G. Brohman field in their most recent home game on May 16.
The game against Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute was close at the half

(3-2), but the visiting team managed to pull out a 6-2 victory over the Red Hawks.
After the game, one of the Red Hawks shouted "we got two goals," and her teammates cheered with her. It was the

first time in the season they had scored twice. The team also managed to get a few good scoring opportunities throughout the game.

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Trillium Lakelands District School Board students participate in the 2013 HMK Children's Water Festival.

Volunteers wanted to help create young water stewards

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water festival is in need of volunteers to help at their 10th annual festival in September.

The festival takes place at Kinark Outdoor Centre, a central spot for students – more than 1,100 last year – who are bussed in from around the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to take part in the free educational event.

At the festival, students spend about 15 minutes at a variety of water stations that are supported by groups throughout the community including the OPP and the Haliburton Highlands Fire Service. Booths help the students understand components of water education like how oxygen gets into water, how bugs rely on mud, and how beaver dams work. The students also learn about how much water they use each day during their daily routines.

"It teaches kids about how we need clean water, enough water, and how to deal with

too much water," said coordinator Irene Heaven.

One of the stations involves a relay race in which students race to build a beaver dam using mud to understand how beavers adapt to their environment.

"When the students learn with their hands, they're more apt to feel a connection with water," said Heaven. "They act like sponges and take that information so that they become water stewards who understand the value of water."

The event needs the help of about 120

volunteers over two days at the outdoor education centre, and Heaven stresses that there is a spot for everyone to participate either directly with the students or in helping to organize buses and equipment.

"It's a great event for anyone interested in being outside for a day, part of water education, or who wants to help set the foundation for water education," said Heaven.

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High school principal Dan Marsden, right, scrubs a vehicle clean with students Jacey Baldry, left, and Jessie Burk.

Car wash benefits high school prom

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students sprayed and scrubbed vehicles on May 18 in an effort to raise

funds for this year's prom.

"It's been steady," said school principal Dan Marsden, referring to the constant flow of vehicles.

The full-day car wash raised \$620, which will help offset the costs of prom.

While some paid for a wash, others just dropped by to make a donation, said Marsden.

Prom will take place on May 31 at the Pinestone Resort between 7 and 11 p.m.

Through my eyes The other me...



By Austin McGillion

Sadness. We all experience it, yet for me it is a part of my life almost constantly.

I get angry and yell at people. I get upset because someone says bad things about me or they say things I don't want to hear. I feel like the world hates me.

Sadness is a daily part of my life.

It can be contributed to two things: my temper, and my feelings of guilt.

I have a very short temper and I hate that trait. It means I get angry at the ones I love very easily, which brings into account my feelings of self-worth and guilt. I feel guilty and angry at myself when I yell at the people I love and care about. When I call my family names and scream at them, I feel no better than the man who yelled and called me names when I was a kid. I want to change this. I feel responsible for other people's screw-ups and I blame myself for everything.

Meet the side of me almost no one sees, besides my family. The explosive guy who treats everyone like dirt when he is going on a raging rant. I hate that part of me. If I could cut that part of me out of my chest I'd be much better off. I would be calmer, I would be more caring, and I would do the best I could every day. I have always known my temper was highly explosive and I would scream, curse, and fight my family because I thought they didn't understand.

I look back and I see that my family did understand. I see not a young man confused at his own life, but a sick monster who thought it was unloved and lashed out at those who truly loved it.

Who loved me.

But I digress. My life sometimes takes a sudden turn towards the dark and that's understandable to me. Everyone is born of two halves, one good and the other, evil. Sometimes I find that the evil in me overpowers the good and I become very depressed and spiteful. I find that when I start to get irritable or unable to communicate my feelings in a composed manner, I just need to tell people to go away and leave me alone for a while.

So while I may be good on some days, others days I just want to be alone. That doesn't make me a bad person, it just means I need to reflect on the good side of myself and find inner peace.

African students going to school thanks to HHSS

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The secret to the success of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Interact Club's annual spring international fundraising effort was having club members stay committed and keep energy levels high.

That's how Daryl Woodley, Grade 12 student and secretary of the Interact Club, said the club raised \$3,166 for a Canadian charity that helps promote education for high school and university students.

"If you are fired up and ready for the week, you will get the students excited and participating," said Woodley. "[You need to] keep the students excited and well-informed. The more they know about what they are donating for, the more they will donate."

There were plenty of opportunities for students and the community to participate in fundraising this year, from a mid-week Rotary Radio Day on Canoe FM in which audience members could pledge money in exchange for song requests, to an end-of-the-week buyout, when HHSS students watched their teachers eat gross food and get pied in

the face in exchange for donations.

"The fundraisers that the students can really get involved in raise the spirit of the school and consequently makes everything more fun for everyone," said Woodley. "Pieing is always a classic event – most students don't want to pass up the chance to pie their teacher."

An assembly at the beginning of the week taught students about the charity Education is Power (EIP) and encouraged their involvement in donating and fundraising. The amount raised in Haliburton will enable approximately seven students in Kenya and Tanzania to go to school.

Education is Power director Dave Cuddy called the donation and fundraising efforts a huge accomplishment.

"It is really wonderful news to hear of the success and dedication of the Haliburton students involved in raising money for EIP," said Cuddy. "[The donation] will go very far in helping young Kenyans and Tanzanians have a better future."

Cuddy said the money raised will support EIP students who don't currently have a sponsor, and that by supporting the students

through high school and university, the charity is helping to prevent young girls from being forced into early marriages at ages as young as 13.

"Besides going to school fees, we also help support tutoring sessions for our students, thus allowing them the support they need to develop their potential to the fullest to then give back to the community," said Cuddy. "All EIP students also become directly involved in volunteering for their East African community, working towards EIP's end goal for students to use their education to help their community develop sustainably."

In Africa, EIP supports 22 high school students, eight post-secondary students, and employs one Kenyan primary school teacher.

"I believe all our efforts this week benefit the students of our high school at least as much as the students in Africa whose lives will be changed," said HHSS teacher and Interact supervisor Jennifer Paton.



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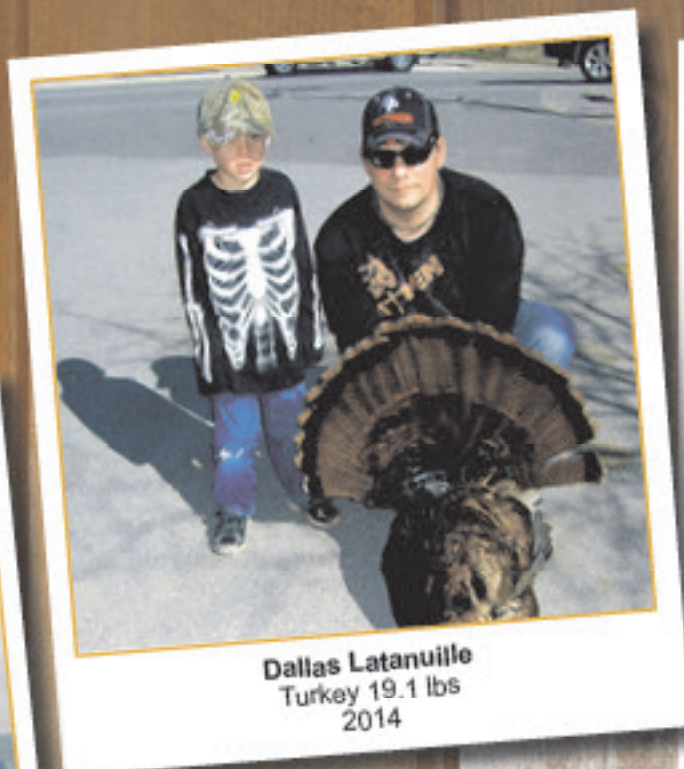
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Miskwabi area residents and cottagers cleaned up on May 18.

Residents collect trash at Miskwabi clean-up

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The roads near Trapper's Trail were busy on May 18 with about 40 adults, teenagers and children who showed up to help clean the area of litter left behind after the spring thaw.

The volunteer cleaning crew was outside as part of the Miskwabi Area Cottagers' Association (MACA) annual road clean up, and this year MACA member Phyllis McCulloch said plenty of kids and teenagers came out to pitch in.

"They just couldn't believe what they picked up and were truly surprised when they saw the total collection," said McCulloch.

The total collection included 40 bags of recyclables and other garbage, six tires, pieces of metal, rusty bedsprings, an old bucket and wire.

Rachael Devenyi lives near Whitby and has cottaged on

Lake Miskwabi for years. Her grandparents are involved with MACA and Devenyi has volunteered to help clean for the past few years.

"I've been going there since I was little, and I just like to help clean up the area," she said.

The 16-year-old said the roads were quite clean but there was a lot of garbage in the ditches that couldn't be seen from the road.

McCulloch said the group was pleasantly surprised when council candidate Dave McKay arrived to help.

"He just got out there and helped us and saw for himself what is recklessly left behind."

This year marks the 40th anniversary of MACA and the association is planning several events to celebrate, including a boat launch naming in honour of founding member Jerry Strickland, and an annual general meeting honouring Murray Fearrey, who has attended AGMs for 40 years.

Climate talk speaker calls for 'collective action' to fix environment

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Terry Moore told audience members that there's bad news and good news concerning climate change.

"The bad news is, we're in trouble," he said. "The good news is, if we act decisively we can step back from the brink."

Moore delivered a speech at Fleming College on May 15 for members and supporters of the Haliburton Highlands Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) that audience members said was fascinating and informative. He had a lot to cover – greenhouse gases and extreme weather, tar sands and fossil fuels – everything from drought in North Korea, to flooding in Minden.

Many in the crowd said they were likely to make some changes to their lifestyles once they left the meeting.

"We have two cars, but I recycle and I try to be conscious," said Heather Lindsay of Minden. "I want to talk more about the situation with others."

Lindsay said she has been reading about climate change and felt inspired by Moore's talk.

"I don't have grandchildren, but if I did, I would hope they would have a world to enjoy like we have," she said. "It's something everyone has to start talking about and thinking about."

Sybil Roodenburg said she has been to many presentations about climate change but that Moore's was one of the best she has seen. As a toastmaster, she praised his enunciation and the inspirational quality of the presentation contents.

"I'm interested in having the earth the way it should be," she said.

Roodenburg said she plans to drive her car less and ride her bike more.

But Moore told The Highlander that at this point, it's better to think bigger.

"We can't change light bulbs and make a difference," he said. "Individual action alone isn't enough. We need collective action to empower individuals."

Moore told audience members to lobby politicians on all levels, especially in an election year. He was passionate about his distaste for the current Canadian government, which he said had been playing Russian roulette.

"It's time to demand political leadership and challenge all candidates. If we don't, we're toast."

Besides compelling photographs and evidence of environmental destruction shown in animated graphs, Moore promoted a new environmental series created by James Cameron.

"Years of Living Dangerously" began airing in April, and Moore recommended inviting friends over to watch it in group situations to help spur conversation about climate change and environmental issues throughout the world. His own conversations have taken place with family that includes his brother, who works in the tar sands.

"It's important to change the conversation in your circle of family and friends. Denial doesn't work – the problem doesn't go away. This is the most important issue of our time."

Roger Harrison, 78, took notes during the presentation. "I'm extremely concerned about our environment," he said. "I wanted to see how many people showed up here, and how much interest there was. These days, everyone should at least have a clue."

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Highlander events

Readers line up for book and basket sale

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

For some, the long weekend might have meant fun in the sun, fireworks and parties – but for others it meant picking up some good reads on the morning of May 17.

Fourteen Friends of the Haliburton County Library were on site at the Minden Branch on Saturday morning and afternoon, stacking piles of used books as quickly as they were being sold at the Giant Book and Basket Sale. The event began at 10 a.m., but readers lined up 40 minutes earlier for the annual library fundraising event to begin. When it did, they were generous.

“People are overpaying because they know it’s a fundraiser for the library,” said volunteer Brian Daoust.

The Haliburton resident was with his wife Sandra at the event and estimated that a few hundred people had stopped in by the early afternoon.

“It’s wonderful to see different groups of people of all ages,” she said. “Some people

brought their kids or grandchildren.”

And some people brought their dog, like local residents Terri Frew and Kevin Trewartha, who picked a few titles while Snoopy made friends.

“We were taking our dog for a walk and thought we’d stop by,” said Frew.

Volunteers said the sale was the ultimate environmentally friendly event since readers tended to share books and reuse the materials. Some books sold on Saturday had been sold by the library to different readers in the past, who had donated them back to the library when they were finished.

“That’s the power of the book, is the sharing,” said Sandra.

People are overpaying because they know it’s a fundraiser for the library.

Brian Daoust
volunteer

The Dysart library branch will have a giant book and basket sale at the Treasures ‘n’ Trash event at Head Lake Park on June 14, and the Book Nook in Minden at the library will sell gently used books throughout the summer on Thursdays

from 10-4 p.m. Proceeds from fundraising events help to furnish different library needs including the stocking of different formats of books.



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Fraser Rogers took a good look at the books available for sale from the Book Nook at the Minden Library on May 17. The Nook is open on Thursdays throughout the summer.

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AND TAKE NOTICE that any person may attend the meeting, or submit in writing, in support of or objection to the By-law setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons of the objection.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The purpose of the by-law is to amend By-law 09-31 with new fees under the Building By-law to incorporate Part 8 of the Building Code which addresses On-Site Sewage Systems. The amended by-law will include the definition of a sewage system, and permit fees for the administration and inspections of the sewage systems. Other fees levied under the Building By-law are also proposed to be increased.

Additional information relating to the by-law amendment is available for review by contacting the Building Department during regular offices hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or in person at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.



Photo by Mark Arike

Kate Butler (left) shows visitors through the historic Reid house.

The true Victorian way

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Visitors to the Haliburton Highlands Museum took a walk through the past on May 18 as part of an authentic Victoria Day celebration.

“We’ve been encouraging people to celebrate Victoria Day the Victorian way,” said Kate Butler, director of the museum.

During the afternoon event, museum-goers were able to try out children’s games from the Victorian era (1837-1901), learn about Queen Victoria and her reign, and receive a

tour of the historic Reid house.

On Aug. 9, the museum will host a community picnic in Glebe Park to celebrate Haliburton’s 150th anniversary. The event will also feature a variety of traditional games and activities, live entertainment and sweet treats.

“There will be some music and demonstrations, but we really want to bring the community together and celebrate what a fantastic place this is – taking inspiration from our past,” said Butler.

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Dates: Monday, June 16, 2014

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: The Great Hall

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In Loving Memory of...

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Loving father of Jeremy and Jason. Loving Poppa of Austin, Matthew, Michael and Alexander. Loving brother of Glen, Eileen, Barbara, Gary, Ross and Randy. Fondly remembered by his many nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at the Haven of Rest Chapel, 1449 Old Donald Road, Haliburton. Visitation 12 - 1 pm. Service at 1 o'clock. Interment at Ingoldby Pioneer Cemetery.



James Wesley "Jim" Watson

Passed away suddenly in Haliburton on Friday, May 16, 2014. In his 70th year. Beloved husband of Nancy. Dear father of Mark, Michelle, David and Donald. Loving Papa to Meghan, T.I., Jason, Courtney, Candice, Dylan, Aidan, Paige, Josh, and Steven. Predeceased by his brother Bill and sister Pat. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

It was Jim's wishes for cremation. Friends are invited to a Gathering to Celebrate Jim's Life at the Heather Lodge, 14481 Hwy 35, Minden on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 from 3:00 until 8:00 pm.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0



In Loving Memory of

Roy Frederick Collins

Passed away suddenly at his residence in Naples, Florida on Tuesday, January 14th, 2014. Beloved husband of Shirley (nee Bellwell). Dear father of Kim and Karen Collins of Pender Park, Mike of Holland Landing, Marc and the late Rick of Tyrone. Loving Grandpa of Lindsay, Kristina (Shane), Justin, Jared (Janet).

A special shining star to his Great-Grand-daughter Kate. Survived by his brother James and his wife Shirley of Uxva Lake, and brother Bruce and his wife Margaret of Barrowville. Predeceased by his sister Margaret and her husband James, brother Edward and his wife Wilma, parents Thomas and Louise and his sons Roy and Jane Bellwell. Roy will be fondly remembered by many sisters, nephews and amazing friends both locally and from their Florida residence.

A Service to Celebrate Roy's Life will be held at the Minden Bible Church, 177 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 12:00 o'clock noon. Reception will follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636, 12847 Hwy., #35 N., Minden.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Bible Church would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged locally through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

COMPLETE APPLICATION – RZ 14-05

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law. The purpose of the Amendment is to rezone two properties located in Part of Lots 28 and 29, Concession 6 in the geographic Township of Minden. One property will be rezoned to the Rural Exception Twenty-Two (RU-22) zone to implement a mandatory 300 metre setback from Kashagawigamog Lake. The second property will be rezoned to the Shoreline Residential Exception Fifty-Three (SR-53) zone to recognize a deficient high water mark setback and an undersized dwelling. The properties subject to this application are also the subject of Application for Consent H-043/2013.

AND PURSUANT to the provisions of the Planning Act, the application file including a survey sketch and a draft Zoning By-law Amendment is available for review at the Township Office. Please contact Mr. Adam King in the Township's Planning Department if you would like to review this file.

TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – RZ 14-05

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2014 - 10:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

The application has been made to amend provisions of the Township's Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, to rezone certain lands generally located in Part of Lots 28 and 29, Concession 6 in the geographic Township of Minden on McMullen Lane and Wigamog Road. The amendment would rezone one property from the Rural (RU) zone to the Rural Exception Twenty-Two (RU-22) zone to implement a mandatory 300 metre setback from Kashagawigamog Lake. An adjacent property would also be rezoned from the Shoreline Residential (SR) zone to the Shoreline Residential Exception Fifty-Three (SR-53) zone to recognize a deficient high water mark setback and an undersized dwelling.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND KEY MAP

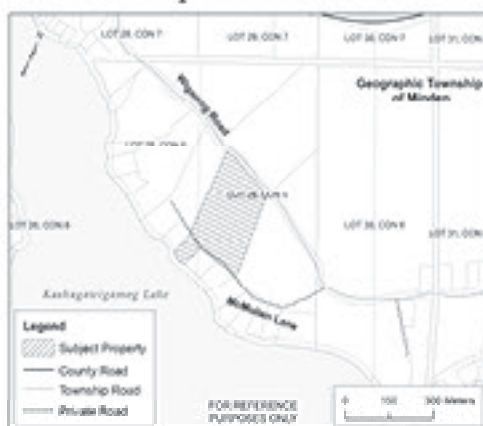
A key map showing the land to which the proposed amendment applies is provided below. The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed amendment. If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with a forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by calling Mr. Adam King at (705) 286-1260.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, May 29th, 2014 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. SRA-13-05
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 11, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9530, registered August 6, 2013.
2. File No. SRA-13-17
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 3, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9616, registered March 14, 2014.
3. File No. SRA-13-14
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 26, Concession 3, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9624, registered April 9, 2014.
4. File No. SRA-13-18
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Parts 1 and 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9625, registered April 9, 2014.
5. File No. SRA-12-09
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 3, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9626, registered April 15, 2014.

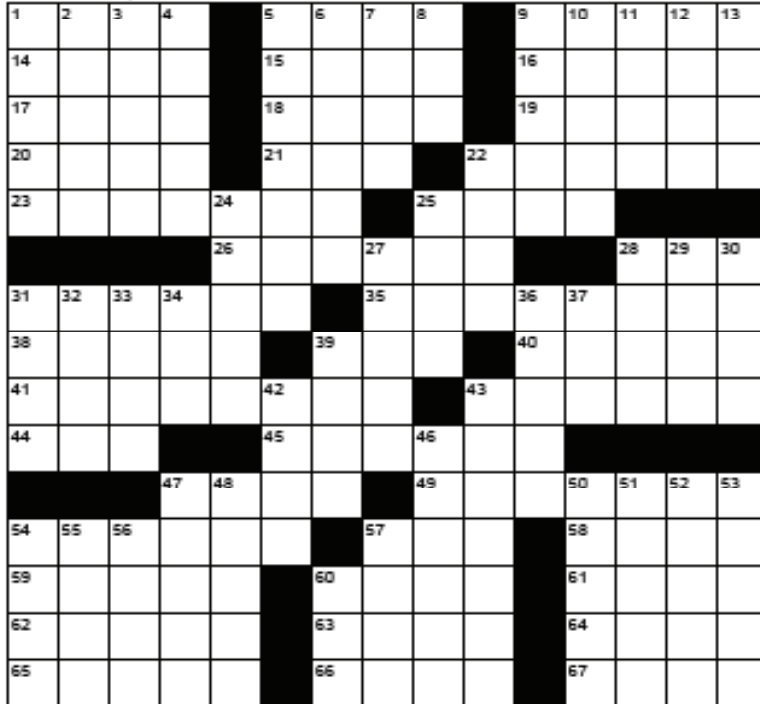
The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 15th day of May, 2014.
Adam King, M.R.M.
Planning Administrator

Highlander events

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ACROSS

1. Recipe measures (abbr.)
5. Showy flower
9. Suez or Erie
14. October gem
15. Roman emperor
16. Proverb
17. Stood up
18. Wound covering
19. Tailed celestial body
20. Haul
21. Twice five
22. Tension
23. Passed, as time
25. Wreck
26. ____ Salad
28. Scrooge's word
31. Pretty good (2 wds.)
35. President ____ Roosevelt
38. Garlic's kin
39. Freon, e.g.
40. Piano adjuster
41. Spoons and forks
43. Distress cry (2 wds.)
44. Head gesture
45. Stick together
47. Whole bunch
49. Matrimonial
54. Reporter's boss
57. Received
58. Pleasant
59. Buffalo
60. Voice range
61. Mexican water
62. Southern beauty
63. Jury member
64. Favorites
65. Guide
66. Completes
67. Dogwood or palm

DOWN

1. Rich dessert
2. Thread holder
3. Spaghetti, e.g.
4. Snooze
5. As an alternative
6. Ebb
7. Modern Persia
8. Weep
9. Desert plants
10. Embellish
11. Title
12. Matures
13. Rents out
22. Free of doubt
24. Reads quickly
25. Stadium cheers
27. Hide away
28. Fido's treat
29. ____ code
30. Frau's spouse
31. Person, place, or thing
32. Wise about
33. Bound
34. ____ voyage!
36. Alternate
37. Flop
39. Radiate
42. Cake decorator
43. Lecturers
46. Overacted
47. Pilfered
48. Recluse
50. Not fitting
51. Golfer ____ Woods
52. Sharp
53. Rental agreement
54. Recedes
55. Weight loss plan
56. Capri or Man
57. Secluded valley
60. Chimpanzee, e.g.

MAY 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
22 Ceramics for your garden workshop – The Art Hive, 7-9 p.m., \$35. Seniors standing balance exercise – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m.	23 	24 Minden Horticultural Society's annual plant sale – Village Green, Minden, 10 a.m. Annual plant sale – Village Green, downtown Minden, 10 a.m.	25 Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary – breakfast, 9:30-1 p.m.
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
26 	27 Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden Hospital, every Tuesday, 10 a.m.	28 Send your not for profit community event to ashley@haliburtonhighlander.ca for your free listing	29 Ceramics for your garden workshop – The Art Hive, 7-9 p.m., \$35. Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 1 p.m. Seniors standing balance exercise – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m.
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
30 	31 Trinkets & treasures with Erin Lynch – The Art Hive, 10-12 p.m.	01 	02

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION MAY 8-14, 2014

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Seniors "Bid" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Pancake & sausage breakfast, Sunday, 8-11 a.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Elections for Legion Executive, Tuesday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
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STAR	EDGE	TRILL
HELM	SEND	HEELS

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What's on



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Top: Tony DeMaria of D&D Meats in Alliston is eager to sell his meats at the Haliburton County Farmers Market. Right: Joelle VanOudenaren sold a variety of cheeses from her booth, Cheese Please Pieter.



County farmers' market open for business

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market is up and running for the 2014 season.

Haliburton's market opened on May 20 in Head Lake Park. Gailon Valleau, the market's manager, said this year both the Haliburton and Carnarvon markets are full.

"We have lots of ready to eat food," she said. "We have more vendors and a very full market."

From fresh breads and produce to wood-fired pizza and East Indian cuisine, the market boasts something for everyone. Vendors sell a variety of meats, arts and crafts, jewellery, fresh

foods, and other novelty items.

Visitors to the Haliburton market would have noticed celtic music playing throughout the afternoon. Phil McMahon and Brian Sachs played at the market, and Vailleau said they're just the first of a number of buskers scheduled.

"We're having buskers," she said. "I'm still accepting applications. If anyone's interested they can go on our blog."

Throughout the summer, Vailleau said visitors will enjoy shopping at the market. "It's local food produced by farmers," she said. "It's helping [farmers] have a venue to sell their stuff, [and] at the same time, it's giving you a venue to buy really good product from local producers."

Margo Ross-Beer, a cottager in West

Guilford who spends most of her free time in the Highlands, said she loves coming to the farmers' market.

"Everything is fresh and the bread is awesome," she said. "I've been coming here since it opened."

Her favourite things to shop for at the market are fresh veggies and the bread.

The Haliburton County Farmers Market is open weekly throughout the summer. On Tuesdays, the market is open in Haliburton Village at Head Lake Park from noon to 4 p.m. On Fridays, the market moves to Carnarvon from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For a full list of vendors, or for busker or vendor applications, visit the market's blog at haliburtoncountymarket.wordpress.com.



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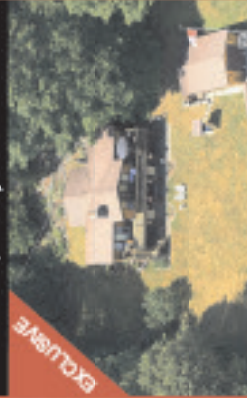
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